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OSLO'S AFTENPOSTEN (CONSERVATIVE, INDEPENDENT) CARRIED
EDITORIAL TODAY ON THE THREE-DAY CAMBODIA HEARING WHICH
WAS HELD HERE OVER THE WEEK-END. EDITORIAL REFERRED
SPECIFICALLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRONG STATEMENT LAST
FRIDAY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA AND SAID: "IT IS
A RARITY THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CALLS ATTENTION TO
SOMETHING HAPPENING IN NORWAY. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOTE-
WORTHY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE SUCH A GESTURE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CAMBODIA HEARING. IN A GREETING TO
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THE HEARING, THE PRESIDENT USED STRONG WORDS. HE
CHARACTERIZED THE KHMER ROUGE LEADERSHIP AS THAT REGIME
IN THE WORLD WHICH VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MOST
BRUTAL WAY. IT IS, THEREFORE, A DUTY FOR EVERY-
ONE TO PROTEST AGAINST THIS INJUSTICE. PRESIDENT
CARTER PRAISES THE NORWEGIAN SPONSORS. IT IS AN
HONOR THEY WELL DESERVE."

THE EDITORIAL SPECULATES ABOUT THE SILENCE OF
"THE FREEDOM-LOVING CIRCLES AND THE FIGHTERS FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD," SAYING THAT "THE
WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD LONG AGO HAVE GOTTEN A
BAD CONSCIENCE OVER THE CAMBODIAN TRAGEDY. BUT
ITS SENSE OF JUSTICE HAS LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED
IN THIS CASE. IT IS, THEREFORE, PARAMOUNT THAT
THE REVELATIONS MADE AT THE HEARING ARE NOT FOR-
GOTTEN THE MOMENT THE HEARING CLOSES... AS THE
HOST COUNTRY OF THE HEARING, IT WOULD BE PROPER
FOR NORWAY TO HELP BRING THE MATTER UP BEFORE THE
UN. SUCH A NORWEGIAN EFFORT WOULD BE ENSURED
BROAD SUPPORT BY THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE WHICH IS
DEEPLY SHOCKED OVER THE TESTIMONIES AT THE HEAR-
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